

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed May 3, 2005, the shortened statutory period for filing a response due to expire on August 3, 2005. Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to the title and abstract as not being directed to the claimed subject matter of this application. Applicants have presented a new title and abstract pursuant to this amendment thereby overcoming the Examiner's objection.

Applicants have also revised the claims to overcome the Examiner's claim objections in paragraphs 5 through 6 of the Official Action. These amendments to the claims relate to informal matters which do not affect the scope of the claims or the application of the doctrine of equivalents.

The Examiner has also objected to the drawings as not disclosing a first temporary layer as set forth in claim 1, step b. Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite a "first sacrificial layer" which is supported in paragraph [0100], and as shown in Fig. 17A-17D as element 550. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection to the drawings is traverse and should therefore be withdrawn.

Finally, the Examiner has raised a non-statutory double patenting rejection with respect to all claims in view of Applicants' United States Patent No. 5,590,460. Applicants file herewith a Terminal Disclaimer thereby overcoming the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, as all claims pending in this application are now in condition for allowance, notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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